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MEMORANDUM FROM THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION

CONCERNING

EXPORT OF COBALT METAL TO POLAND

1. The United States Government has been requested to license the export to Poland of 11,000 pounds of cobalt metal (IL 1648) valued at \$19,250.
2. This material, reclaimed from scrap of United States origin, is for export to Impexmetal, Warsaw and for ultimate consignment to the Baildon Steel Works and the Institute of Iron Metallurgy and Non-ferrous Metals in Gliwice, where the cobalt is to be used in the manufacture of non-embargoed magnets.
3. These magnets, which have a cobalt content of 24% and an energy product of 4,000,000 GsOe and are therefore excluded from embargo coverage, have a wide variety of civilian uses. Such civilian applications include apparatus and instruments used in the dye-stuff, textile, and food-stuffs industries; in motor-cycles; in automobile receiving sets; in watt hour meters; and in related civilian uses. The United States authorities have estimated that this contemplated export represents approximately one-half of the Polish annual cobalt requirement for magnets.
4. Considering, in light of the above, that this six months' supply of cobalt is reasonable and necessary to the Polish civilian economy, and having obtained the usual assurances against trans-shipment or re-export, the United States authorities have instructed the United States Delegation to seek the Committee's consideration of this request under the special Polish Exceptions Policy.
5. The United States Delegation would be grateful for the views of member Governments by April 25.

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